**Guiding Questions for Waldman, *The Fight to Vote*, p. 3-32 for Thurs 9/13**

Describe America at the time of the Revolution.

How important was voting at the time of the American Revolution? Who could vote in colonial America, what were the requirements, and how much did voting matter?

What key documents from the founding era help us understand how the founders defined / envisioned citizenship?

How “democratic” was America in the late 18th century? And what does Waldman mean by “democratic”?

What is the basic timeline of the rapid transition from monarchy to a new, independent republic?

Define “the Pennsylvania Revolution.” In contrast, what did Massachusetts founders think about voting and suffrage requirements? How would YOU explain the difference between the two colonies?

How did the Constitutional Convention resolve its dispute over representations, voting qualifications, and voting methods?

Is there one single “original intent” of the Constitutional framers? Why or why not?

Does the Constitution enshrine a right to vote?